

REMARKS

Claims 26-47 stand rejected on non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-25 of commonly assigned U.S. Patent No. 6,618,478 ('478 patent). Applicants are filing a terminal disclaimer herewith. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 26-28, 30-36, 38-44 and 46-47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boakes (U.S. Patent No. 5,879,486) in view of Partridge (U.S. Patent No. 5,550,915). Applicants respectfully traverse because neither reference, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest at least retrieving help information "wherein the help information comprises a message explaining a function of the first telephone service key."

Boakes relates to a telephone device and method to enable a user of the telephone to read a telephone number stored in memory. Boakes does not disclose or suggest help information to explain a function of a telephone service. Nor does Partridge fill the gaps of Boakes. Partridge relates to a telephone station set arranged to automatically prefix calls, and there is no such help information in Partridge.

For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 29, 37 and 45 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boakes in view of Partridge and further in view of Popular Mechanics (vol. 159, No. 4, April 1983, p. 199).

Popular Mechanics discloses a voice switch that tells the user a phone number when the switch is pushed. Popular Mechanics does not disclose or suggest at least retrieving help information wherein the help information comprises a message explaining a function of the first telephone service key. Nor do Boakes and Partridge disclose such help information, as discussed above.

For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the present application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4224 if there are any outstanding issues that could be resolved through a telephone conference.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vincent J. Gnoffo", written over a horizontal line.

Vincent J. Gnoffo
Registration No. 44,714
Attorney for Applicant

BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE
P.O. BOX 10395
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610
(312) 321-4200